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DATE:

February 3, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

East Side Entrees-Peanut Butter Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Peanut Butter Recall; Due to Salmonella typhimurium; Recommend notification of affected stores via

phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled product was distributed in the State of Indiana. The Peanut Butter & Jelly Meal Breaks were distributed in California, Arkansas, Florida, Michigan, Hawaii, and Pennsylvania to schools and food banks through distributors and direct delivery. Detail store information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

East Side Entrees Voluntarily Recalls Peanut Butter & Jelly Meal Breaks Because of Possible Health Risk

Contact:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- January 31, 2009 -- East Side Entrees of Woodbury, NY, is recalling a single code date of Peanut Butter & Jelly Meal BREAKS, because a 2.2 oz. packet of peanut butter contained within has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

Salmonella is an organism, which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e. infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. For more information on Salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Website at http://www.cdc.gov.

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The Peanut Butter & Jelly Meal BREAKS meal kit (product number 61402) is identified as an orange and blue box with a printed banner across the upper left quarter of the front panel containing the words "Meal BREAKS". There is a blue sticker on the front panel with the words, "peanut butter and jelly". The code date of the affected product is Use By June 24, 09. This code date can be found on the outside of the shipping container. A code of 9175TESxxx can also be found on the bottom flap of the Meal BREAKS box. The UPC number is 006 93392 61402 5.

The peanut butter packets were produced by Boca Grande Foods of Duluth, GA, who used peanut paste manufactured by Peanut Corporation of America (PCA) in their Blakely, GA facility. East Side Entrees was initially told by Boca Grande that no peanut_butter from PCA was used by them but several days later specified that peanut paste from PCA was used in the manufacture of a single lot of peanut butter. Boca Grande has indicated that the peanut paste and the peanut butter made from the paste were both tested and found to be free from *Salmonella*.

No illnesses have been reported to date.

Customers in possession of Peanut Butter & Jelly Meal BREAKS with the affected code date should stop serving it immediately and place it on hold pending pick up or destruction and contact East Side Entrees at 516-682-5494.

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Photo: Product Label

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